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## Heat up your home for less this winter



**Start the New Year with home upgrades to keep you warm all season long.** Our

partner Energy Trust of Oregon offers cash incentives for high-efficiency gas fireplaces, smart thermostats, clothes washers, windows, insulation and more. Make the upgrade you've been dreaming of at a more affordable price and enjoy the benefits of a warmer home and lower energy costs. Find out more at [energytrust.org/homes](http://energytrust.org/homes).



## The Smart Winter Giveaway

**More prizes, more winners, more energy savings!**

Avista wants to shine a light (an LED light, that is) on energy efficiency. So we're offering you multiple chances to win valuable energy-saving prizes—during Avista's Smart Winter Giveaway!

We've got 50 Nest Smart Bundles up for grabs, which include a smart thermostat and three smoke and carbon-dioxide detectors (retail value \$600 each). We're also ensuring more winners by giving away 2,500—yes, that's no typo—2,500 Smart Winter Gift Boxes that come with a deluxe super-fuzzy blanket, a smart power strip, LED bulbs, an LED flashlight and more (retail value \$50 each).



Energy-efficient items like these can all offer smart savings on your energy bill this winter.

A Nest smart thermostat lets you remotely control your home's temperature via mobile or internet. Greater control over your winter heating (and summer cooling) can save plenty of energy. For example, by turning your thermostat down just 3 degrees and snuggling up in a cozy blanket instead, you'll use up to 10% less energy to heat your home.

Smart power strips also save you energy. Many home electronics—such as printers, DVD players, computers and plasma TVs—keep drawing power even when not in use. A smart power strip keeps electronics from wasting energy by shutting down power when the devices are in standby mode.

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And of course, there's no easier way to boost your home's energy efficiency than swapping incandescent bulbs to LEDs. Not only do LEDs emit more light per watt, they last a lot longer.

For more energy-saving tips—as well as energy-efficiency rebates—see our website. While there, you can also enter our Smart Winter Giveaway. For details, just go to [myavista.com](http://myavista.com).



## Your billing cycle

**Did you know one factor that can impact your energy bill is the number of days in your billing cycle?** The number can vary month-to-month, from 27 to 35 days, mainly because of the actual number of days in a month, when weekends and holidays fall, and if your meter was accessible. Having more days in the current bill than the previous month can contribute to a higher bill. Check the back of your Avista bill to find the number of days in your billing cycle. Learn more about how winter impacts your energy bill at [myavista.com/winterbill](http://myavista.com/winterbill).



## Pilot light safety



**Do any of your natural gas appliances use pilot lights that stay on all the time?**

Older models typically do, although newer, high-efficiency natural gas furnaces have done away with pilot lights altogether. Be sure you know which of your appliances have pilot lights. For those that do, here's what you need to know to stay safe:

- In most cases, when a pilot light goes out, it triggers an automatic shutoff valve. This feature should safely turn off your appliance.
- Gas range-top burners aren't equipped with a safety shutoff.
- If an appliance won't light — or if you smell the rotten egg odor of gas — get out of your house and call 911 and then Avista at (800) 227-9187 right away. We'll send a service representative to check things out.

Visit [myavista.com/safety](http://myavista.com/safety) for more information about natural gas safety.

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## Did you know?

For each degree you **LOWER THE TEMPERATURE** in your home, you can decrease your energy use by about three percent.